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The SPECTATOR.

Id vero eſt quod ego mihi puto palmarium
Me reperiſſe, quomodo adoleſcentulus
Meretricum ingenia, & mores poſſit noſcere
Mature ut cum cognorit perpetuo oderat. Ter.

Friday, January 4. 1712.

NO Vice or Wickedneſs, which People fall into from Indulgence to Deſire, which are natural to all, ought to place them below the Compaſſion of the virPart of the World; which indeed often makes le apt to ſuſpect the Sincerity of their who are too warmly provoked at other perſonal Sins. The unlawful Commerce Sexes is of all other the hardeſt to avoid; here is no one which you ſhall hear the of Womankind ſpeak of with ſo litIt is very certain that a modeſt Womoſt abhor the Breach of Chaſtity too but pray let her hate it for herſelf, and only others. WILL. HONEYCOMB calls theſe aded Ladies, the outragiouſly virtuous. not deſign to fall upon Failures in geth relation to the Gift of Chaſtity, but only enter upon that large Field, and the Conſideration of poor and publick The other Evening paſſing along near *Garden*, I was jogged on the Elbow as I into the Piazza, on the right Hand coming *Jones-ſtreet*, by a ſlim young Girl of about n, who with a pert Air aſked me if I was nt of Wine. I do not know but I ſhould dulged my Curioſity in having ſome Chat , but that I am informed the Man of the knows me; and it would have made a Story not very agreeable to ſome Part of my though I have in others ſo frequently ſaid wholly unconcerned in any Scene I am erly as a Spectator. This Impediment my Way, we ſtood under in one of by Twilight; and there I could obſerve eatures as I had ever ſeen, the moſt agreeure, the fineſt Neck and Boſom, in a Word, Perſon of a Woman exquiſitly beautiful. to allure me with a forced Wantonook and Air; but I ſaw it checked with Cold: Her Eyes were wan and eager, her and tawdry, her Mein genteel and childſtrange Figure gave me much Anguiſh and to avoid being ſeen with her I went could not forbear giving her a Crown. thing ſighed, curtiſied, and with a expreſſed with the utmoſt Vehemence, me. This Creature is what they call *upon the Town*, but who, I ſuppoſe, falnuel Hands, was left in the firſt Month honour, and expoſed to paſs through and Diſcipline of one of thoſe Hags of Hell whom we call Bawds. But leaſt I ſhould grow too ſuddenly grave on this Subject, and be my ſelf outragiouſly good, I ſhall turn to a Scene in one of *Fletcher's* Plays, where this Character is drawn, and the Oeconomy of Whoredom moſt admirably deſcribed. The Paſſage I would point to is in the third Scene of the ſecond Act of the *Humorous Lieutenant*. *Leucippe*, who is Agent for the King's Luſt, and bawds at the ſame Time for the whole Court, is very pleaſantly introduced, reading her Minutes as a Perſon of Buſineſs, with two Maids, her Under-Secretaries, taking Inſtructions at a Table before her. Her Woman, both thoſe under her preſent Tutelage, and thoſe which ſhe is laying Wait for, are alphabetically ſet down in her Book; and as ſhe is looking over the Letter C, in a muttering Voice, as if between Soliloquy and ſpeaking out, ſhe ſays,

Her Maiden-head will yield me; let me ſee now;
She is not Fifteen they ſay: For her Complexion ——
Cloe, Cloe, Cloe, *here I have her,*
Cloe, *the Daughter of a Country Gentleman;*
Her Age upon Fifteen. Now her Complexion,
A lovely brown; here 'tis; Eyes black and rolling,
The Body neatly built; ſhe ſtrikes a Lute well,
Sings moſt enticingly: Theſe Helps conſider'd,
Her Maiden-head will amount to ſome three hundred,
Or three hundred and fifty Crowns, 'twill bear it hand-ſomly.
Her Father's poor, ſome little Share deducted,
To buy him a Hunting-Nag ——

Theſe Creatures are very well inſtructed in the Circumſtances and Manners of all who are any Way related to the fair one whom they have a Deſign upon. As *Cloe* is to be purchaſed with fifty Crowns, and the Father taken off with a Pad; the Merchant's Wife next to her, who abounds in Plenty, is not to have downright Money, but the mercenary Part of her Mind is engaged with a Preſent of Plate and a little Ambition: She is made to underſtand that it is a Man of Quality who dies for her. The Examination of a young Girl for Buſineſs, and the crying down her Value for being a ſlight thing, together with every other Circumſtance in the Scene, are inimitably excellent, and have the true Spirit of Comedy; tho' it were to be wiſhed the Author had added a Circumſtance which ſhould make *Leucippe's* Baſeneſs more odious.

It muſt not be thought a Digreſſion from my intended Speculation, to talk of Bawds in a Diſcourſe upon Wenches; for a Woman of the Town is not thoroughly

thoroughly and properly such, without having gone through the Education of one of these Houses: But the compassionate Case of very many is, that they are taken into such Hands without any the least Suspicion, previous Temptation, or Admonition to what Place they are going. The last Week I went to an Inn in the City, to enquire for some Provisions which were sent by a Waggon out of the Country; and as I waited in one of the Boxes till the Chamberlain had looked over his Parcels, I heard an old and a young Voice repeating the Questions and Responces of the Church-Catechism. I thought it no Breach of good Manners to peep at a Crevise, and look in at People so well employed; but who should I see there but the most artful Procuress in the Town, examining a most beautiful Country-Girl, who had come up in the same Waggon with my things, *Whether she was well educated, could forbear playing the Wanton with Servants and idle Fellows, of which this Town*, says she, *is too full*: At the same Time, *Whether she knew enough of Breeding; as that if a Squire or a Gentleman, or one that was her Betters, should give her a civil Salute, she could curtsie and be humble nevertheless. Her innocent forsooths, yes's, and 'tis please you's, and she would do her Endeavour*, moved the good old Lady to take her out of the Hands of a Country Bumkin her Brother, and hire her for her own Maid. I stay'd till I saw them all marched out to take Coach; the Brother loaded with a great Cheese, he prevailed upon her to take for her Civilities to Sister. This poor Creature's Fate is not far off that of her's whom I spoke of above; and it is not to be doubted, but after she has been long enough a Prey to Lust she will be delivered over to Famine; the Ironical Commendation of the Industry and Charity of these antiquated Ladies. These Directors of Sin, after they can no longer commit it, makes up the Beauty of the inimitable Dedication to the *Plain Dealer*, and is a Master-piece of Raillery on this Vice: But to understand all the Purlieues of this Game the better, and to illustrate this Subject in future Discourses, I must venture my self, with my Friend WILL, into the Haunts of Beauty and Gallantry; from pampered Vice in the Habitations of the Wealthy, to distressed indigent Wickedness expelled the Harbours of the Brothel.

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